

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge  
22nd Annual Photography Contest  
*sponsored by*  
The Friends of the Loxahatchee Refuge

**Contest Rules:**

- The contest is open to all amateur photographers. For the purpose of this contest, a professional photographer is defined as anyone who has marketed work in the past, who is presently marketing work or copyrights images with the intent of marketing them and whose primary income (more than 50% of the total income) is from photography.
- Entries must have been taken on the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (ARMLNWR). Photos that have won awards in previous LNWR photo contests may not be resubmitted.
- There are two (2) divisions: Adult and Student (<18 years on January 1, 2005). Student entries must include the parent/legal guardian's permission and contact information.
- All entries must be prints mounted on 16X20 **black matboard** (NOT foam core). Minimum print size: 8 X8 inches, maximum 11 X 14. No slides will be accepted
- Entrants may submit a total of 5 photos in any combination of categories.
- Entry fee is \$10 for up to 5 photos. The entry fee will be waived for Friends of the Loxahatchee Refuge members.
- Either film or digitally recorded images are acceptable and will be judged together. Any image that has been manipulated (digitally or otherwise) must be entered in the special techniques category.
- Entries will be accepted between January 15 and January 30, 2005. Absolutely no entries will be accepted after the deadline.
- **ANY ENTRY THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE CONTEST RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

**Entry Guidelines:**

- Securely attach a label with your name, the category and title of the photograph to the bottom right corner of the back of each entry. No identification may be on the front of the image.
- Entries must be accompanied by the entry form (only one per contestant) and applicable entry fees payable to the Friends of the Loxahatchee Refuge. Entrant's signature constitutes a release to the Friends Association and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the right to use, reproduce, publish and display the photographs without further compensation. The original slide, negative or digital file may be requested.
- Send or deliver photographs to the Refuge Visitor Center. (FLR Photo Contest, A.R.M. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33437) Submissions that are to be returned by USPS must include appropriate packaging, a return address label and stamps for sufficient postage. Entries will be returned or may be picked up after April 3, 2005 at the Visitor Center. Any photos not picked up by May 1, 2005 will become the property of the Association.
- All winning photographs must remain on display throughout the entire exhibit period, February 11 through April 2, 2005.

Every precaution will be taken to assure the safety of your photo(s). Neither The Friends of the Loxahatchee Refuge nor the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge will be responsible for loss or damage to any photograph.

**Categories:**

- Animal Life - the animal is the main subject
- Plant Life - the plant is the main subject
- Scenics/Landscapes
- Nature Close-ups - Macro shots, the subject fills the frame.
- Special techniques - includes digital manipulation, black & white, infrared, montage, multiple exposures, special effects filters, cross processing, Polaroid transfers, shifted color balance, etc.

Both the Scenics and Special Techniques categories may include photos of people enjoying the refuge. Entrants are encouraged to submit images from lesser known parts of the Refuge.

**Judging:**

Entries will be judged on the following criteria: technical excellence, originality/creativity and interest. The decisions of the judges are final.

The contest judging is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 6, 2005 and will be open for entrants to observe. Time and location will be announced in January.

Prizes will be awarded in each category in both the adult and student divisions

- 1st - \$100 and ribbon
- 2nd - \$75 and ribbon
- 3rd - \$50 and ribbon
- Honorable Mention - ribbon

One Best of Show selected from all entries - \$250.

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Contest Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Information:

Division ☐ Adult ☐ Student

Category	Title	*Price/NFS
#1		
#2		
#3		
#4		
#5		

Categories: Animal Life; Plant Life; Scenics/Landscapes; Close-ups; Special Techniques

Friends of the Loxahatchee Refuge member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no is entry fee enclosed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How will photos be returned? ☐ picked up ☐ by mail (return packaging, address label and stamps must be enclosed)

I understand and agree to the contest rules and conditions and certify that this photograph was produced by me.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For student entries, the parent or legal guardian must complete the following:

I have read the contest rules and his/her participation is with my permission.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Entrants may offer their photos for sale. Sales will be handled by the individual artist. A donation of 25% of the sales price is to be made to the Friends of the Loxahatchee Refuge. Photos may not be removed until the exhibit period has ended.

For additional information contact the Refuge Visitor Center at (561) 734-8303 or at the address above.